

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
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Friday 8:30am

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When the sabbath came
he began to teach in the
synagogue, and many who
heard him were astonished.
- Mk 6:2

All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

Getting Married?

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 479.253.2222.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, JULY 14

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 134:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: How 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

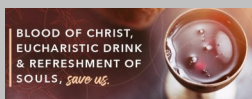
God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Sheila Fowler - 7/9, Richard Boyes - 7/11,
Tony Siciliano - 7/11, Chrys McClung - 7/12

May you have many more!

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope - it may be all they have. -Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, JULY 13

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Robby Bartos

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Mary Szafranski

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 9

For the Intentions of Gina Wilson

Thursday, July 11

For the Intentions of Ada Lanza

Friday, July 12

For the Intentions of Robert & Anita Cochlin

Saturday, July 13

For the Intentions of Gina Wilson

Sunday, July 14

For the Intentions of Robert & Anita Cochlin



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

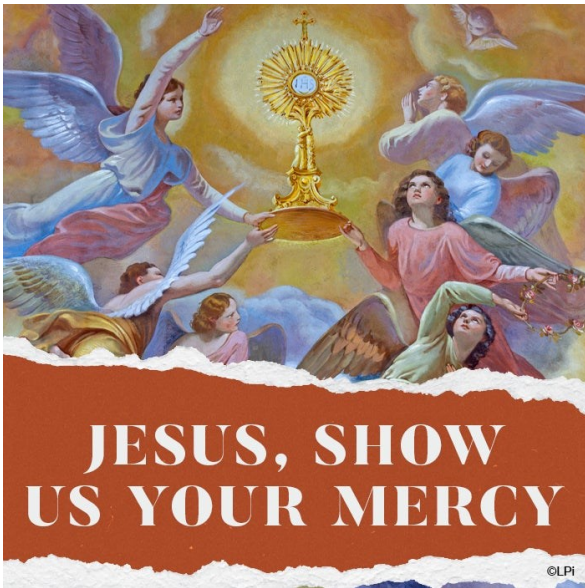
Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Linda Gilmore, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Frank Dinello

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



BUCKET LIST: ITALY

Arkansas Catholic is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year September 17-27, 2025, with Father Mauricio Carrasco. Pilgrims from all over the world will be in Rome for the Jubilee Year to walk through the Holy Doors and receive a plenary indulgence. You can experience Rome, Florence, Milan, Turin and Siena with expert Catholic guides. The land portion costs \$4,448 per person, including 9 nights' accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motorcoach transportation, a professional tour escort and entrance fees to scheduled sites. A \$600 deposit is due at the time of registration. A \$100 discount will be offered to those who register by August 15.



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
July, 2024*

Christopher Elser

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For more information
on our seminarists, go to
www.dolr.org/



Chase Feltner



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As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficult times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



GIFT SHOP



July Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 7/7	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 7/8	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 7/9	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 7/11	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri., 7/12	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 7/13	10:00-4:00	Leggett
Sun., 7/14	9:30-4:00	Selleck

Thy Will Be Done - Putting Ourselves in the Hands of God

A women's retreat, titled "They Will Be Done - Putting Ourselves in the Hands of God," will be held Oct. 4-6 at Subiaco Abbey. This retreat fills quickly so do not delay in registering. The retreat directors/speakers are Debbie Eckert, spiritual director and retired business owner, and Fr. John Marconi, spiritual director and priest of the Diocese of Little Rock. The cost is \$205 per person (double room), \$245 (single room) or \$115 (commuters) and includes six meals for overnight and four meals for commuters. Contact Nancy to register or for more information at 281-381-8645 or nunverferth@gmail.com.



Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

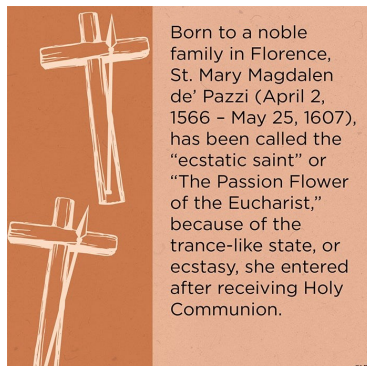
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St. Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses, but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all of the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

-Father John Muir



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The Garden paths wind around secluded benches, a lily pond and bird baths up to her home which she beautifully covered with stones she’d collected since childhood.

See how she found a way to sleep in tree tops full of bloom. Tropical plants grow in the natural soil of the first floor and brush the ceiling of the second floor. She has a butterfly, fossil, crystal, arrowhead and glassware collection beyond imagination.

Quigley’s Castle is located 4 miles south of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. One can visit March through November

PRAYER FOR TRUTH

Dear Lord,

Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.

Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.

Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

*Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."
— Mark 6:4*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

- Mk 6:4-5

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

Second Reading:

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

Gospel:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?



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